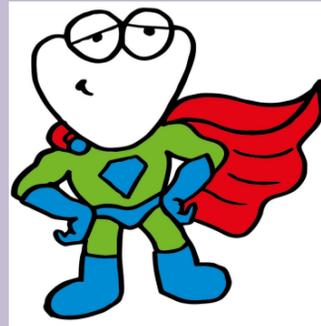


## Woodford Park Leisure Centre - it's party time!

As Covid restrictions are further eased, Children's Parties are set to return to Woodford Park Leisure Centre. As well as long term favourites, such as Bouncy Castle Parties and Sporty Parties, parents can now book one of our new Superhero Bounce and Play Parties. Party packages include one hour of staff-led party games and activities in our Sports Hall, followed by 45 minutes in a separate room for you to set up your party tea. Ages vary between party types. Prices from £98.00 (HH member) or £104.00 (non-member). Please visit our website or contact us for further details.

*(Parties are subject to Covid 19 restrictions permitting)*

[www.woodley.gov.uk/parks-facilities/woodford-park-leisure-centre](http://www.woodley.gov.uk/parks-facilities/woodford-park-leisure-centre)  
0118 9216969 / [sports@woodley.gov.uk](mailto:sports@woodley.gov.uk)



## Woodley United Football Club - under 9s girl players

Woodley United FC holds fun football sessions for 5-9-year-old girls on Saturday mornings on the 3G pitch at Woodford Park Leisure Centre, from 09.00-10.00 with members of Woodley United Ladies Team. Whether girls are new to the game or experienced, all are welcome to attend. Please contact Mark for more information: 07703 474555 / [mark.rozzier@woodleyunitedfc.co.uk](mailto:mark.rozzier@woodleyunitedfc.co.uk)

## Woodley Walks

We have worked closely with volunteers from Loddon Valley Ramblers to create 16 Woodley focused walks that use the network of quiet footpaths around the town and out into neighbouring areas. Each individually designed walk has comprehensive route notes, photographs and maps, while some include tracks and waypoints in .gpx format for GPS use. All start and finish points are shown on the map and all of the routes can be downloaded via the links, ready to be printed or used on a smartphone or tablet.

The majority of the walks are 'circular' and start and finish at the same place. However, two are 'linear' walks, starting and finishing at different places and may require the use of public transport to get you back home or to your car. Click on the QR code to get started or head over to our website for more information.

[www.woodley.gov.uk/walks](http://www.woodley.gov.uk/walks)

QR code to Woodley Walks Map



## Our venues

We are continuing to take bookings that fall within Covid 19 restrictions and guidelines and are provisionally taking bookings in line with the anticipated removal of the restrictions. We appreciate your patience during this time as we continue to be led by the UK government's rules and laws during the Covid 19 pandemic. For further information please contact [bookings@woodley.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@woodley.gov.uk) for the Oakwood Centre and [admin@woodley.gov.uk](mailto:admin@woodley.gov.uk) for the Halls. Woodley Town Council offices remain closed, however, this will be reviewed as the Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.



**Congratulations to Woodley Town Council Leader Cllr Keith Baker on his appointment as Wokingham Borough Council Mayor for the 2021-22 municipal year.**

**We update our website and social media pages as news comes in. Follow us to stay up-to-date.**

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Mayor Cllr Janet Sartorel



Deputy Mayor Cllr Kay Gilder

## New Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor

We are delighted to announce that Cllr Janet Sartorel has been elected to Town Mayor and Cllr Kay Gilder to Deputy Town Mayor for the 2021-22 municipal year. This is Cllr Sartorel's first Mayorship and will be Cllr Gilder's fifth time as Deputy Mayor. The Mayor's charity for this year is Macmillan Cancer Support. If you would like to invite the Town Mayor or Deputy Town Mayor to an event, please email: [matthew.filmore@woodley.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.filmore@woodley.gov.uk)

**Help choose the new play equipment for Woodford Park play area**



QR code to survey

Woodley Town Council has secured £200,000 from Section 106 Developers monies, through Wokingham Borough Council, specifically for the creation of a new play area in Woodford Park. This exciting project gives us an opportunity to deliver a fantastic new play space for residents and visitors and we want your views and comments on the designs we have received. Seven design tenders were received and these have been shortlisted to 3 designs which best met the criteria we set out - see images above. The proposed location is to the rear of the Oakwood Centre (where the existing old play area is located - this will be removed) and utilises space on the other side of the path in the area around the skate park. One of the key criteria for the play space is inclusive and accessible play for all children. These designs incorporate features that are exciting and stimulating for children with a wide range of abilities and challenges. Some of these features include the opportunity for wheelchair users to access higher levels, sensory features providing texture and sound and an overall design that does not exclude children on the basis of their physical or mental abilities. We'd like as many local residents to take part in our consultation and let us know which items of equipment you really like, which overall design you prefer and any other comments on the project. We will then consider the consultation responses and appoint a contractor in August 2021.

We hope to deliver the project towards the end 2021. Scan the QR Code to go straight to the survey or head over to our website for more information and to choose your favourite design.

[www.woodley.gov.uk/playground](http://www.woodley.gov.uk/playground)



## Community grants

At the April Strategy & Resources Committee meeting, the following community grants were awarded:

- First Days Children's £250 - to fund the set-up costs for a new school uniform 'hub' in Woodley
- Friends of Woodford Park £250 - to purchase plants for the annual planting of the beds in the Memorial Ground
- Me2 Club £250 - to recruit and screen five new volunteers who can be matched to children in Woodley requiring support
- Promise Inclusion Ltd £250 - to help towards the costs of running a Youth Group at Addington School for young people with learning disabilities/autism
- Woodley Festival of Music & Arts £250 - to help towards the costs of running a virtual music and arts festival, providing young people in Woodley with the opportunity to perform and entertain
- South Lake Primary School £250 - to help towards the costs of purchasing new PTFA reading books for the school which reflect an improved level of diversity
- Individual - Holly Smith (Ballet) £100 - towards the cost of new pointe and ballet shoes to ensure attendance at Tring Park School for the Performing Arts.



Holly Smith

Holly, who is 11 and attends The Bulmershe School, trains twice a week with West Berkshire Ballet school, where she is Grade 5 in the Cicchetti syllabus, having achieved a distinction in all her past exams. Holly also trains twice a week with The Academy of Balletic Arts in Pineapple Studios in Covent Garden, London. Holly's parents, Neil and Laura, were very grateful for the Community Grant, which enabled Holly to buy her first pair of pointe shoes that had to be specially fitted at Bloch in London.

"We are incredibly proud of her determination to follow her dream of becoming a professional dancer and working so hard at home having zoom lessons during lockdown. It hasn't been easy at times juggling dance classes in the living room but she enjoys dancing so she doesn't see it as a chore," Laura & Neil, Holly's parents.

## Climate Change

As part of the Town Council's on-going work to becoming a Carbon Neutral organisation by 2030, we have now signed up to new electricity supply contracts which provide electricity to Council buildings produced from 100% renewable sources. This follows our move last year to carbon neutral 'green' gas supplies.

The new contracts mean an annual reduction of a further 23,400 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e from the Council's Carbon Footprint, making a 136,000 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e per year reduction since the Council declared a climate emergency in October 2019.

This summer we are also making use of the rainwater harvested through the winter months. This is being used to water shrubs and flowerbeds in the parks, as well as washing down equipment and vehicles. We will be increasing our rainwater harvesting this year along with progressing our switch over to LED lighting in Council buildings.



## Woodley Town Council Meetings

**Planning & Community Meetings: 13 July, 10 August, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November**

**Leisure Services Meeting: 31 August**

**Strategy & Resources Meeting: 14 September**

**Full Council, Annual Meeting: 28 September**

**For more information please email: [matthew.filmore@woodley.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.filmore@woodley.gov.uk)**

## Allotments for wellbeing

A new fun, friendly and free event is now available from Sport in Mind at our Reading Rd allotment site. It's aimed at people experiencing mental health issues to promote physical health and mental wellbeing. Sport in Mind are also running events at other local parks.

Please contact Sport in Mind for further information: [info@sportinmind.org](mailto:info@sportinmind.org) / 07341 267740 (this is not a Woodley Town Council event).

## Town Elector's - celebrating Woodley

The Town Elector's meeting followed a new format this year, where participants shared and celebrated how the community of Woodley had come together during the Covid 19 pandemic, with presentations from organisations the Council supports sharing stories of how they had worked with local residents:

Jake Morrison, CE of Citizens' Advice Bureau Wokingham; Peter Absolon, from Readibus; Marjie Walker, from The Link Visiting Scheme; Jayne Streak, from The Friendship Alliance; Richard Davies, Woodley Food Bank and Tracy Wand, Woodley Volunteer for Covid 19 Facebook Group. Following these presentations, the Town Clerk provided an update on the Council's activities over the past year, and its response to the pandemic. The Town Clerk also thanked the Friends of Woodford Park for managing the flower beds, which have looked amazing during the year, and to all colleagues who have kept services running in the face of ever-changing guidelines.

Looking ahead, Town Council plans include a project to install a new play area in Woodford Park (see story on the front page), to complete the refurbishment of the Maintenance Depot, replace the low fencing in Woodford Park, restrict unauthorised access to Malone Park and put pathways into the play area, and develop a Service Level Agreement to support Young People in Woodley. Closing the meeting, Town Mayor Cllr Sartorel said: "I'd like to thank those who have taken part and shared stories of help and hope. I am humbled and moved by each and every one. I'd also like to thank those residents who have attended or viewed the meeting. The Council hopes to expand on the format of this meeting next year, and to continue to celebrate the wonderful town of Woodley."

**The full minutes of the meeting can be read on our website: [www.woodley.gov.uk/civic/town-electors](http://www.woodley.gov.uk/civic/town-electors) and viewed on our YouTube Channel (please search for Woodley Town Council).**

## 2nd Woodley Scouts Group

Places are now available for boys and girls who would like to have some Taster sessions in Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections. Come for a trial, make friends, have fun, and enjoy fantastic indoor and outdoor activities throughout the year. All are very welcome (including adults) regardless of where you live. Please call 0118 9699885 or email: [chassky@sky.com](mailto:chassky@sky.com) for more information.

## Woodley Town Centre Update



### Walled garden

We are pleased to announce that we have drafted a visual and sensory design for the planting in the new walled garden area in the town centre, which will start as soon as Wokingham Borough Council completes the essential tree works. Central planting of a selection of shade growing shrubs such as hydranga, japonicas, hellebore, ornamental grass, hosta, vibernam and ferns will form part of the design. Along with peripheral planting of crocus, snowdrops, bluebells and wood anemone. We want the garden to be an on-going project with community involvement. If you would like to volunteer, please email: [admin@woodley.gov.uk](mailto:admin@woodley.gov.uk).



**Saturday Market 09.00-15.00**

### The Saturday Market

Many people are aware of Woodley's long running weekly Saturday Market, but did you know that Woodley has several other Markets?



**Artisan Market 09.00-14.00**

### The Wednesday Artisans Market

Every Wednesday between 9am and 2pm we have a growing number of stalls selling a range of Artisan products, many made or grown locally.



**Vegan Market 3rd Sunday of month 11.00-15.00**

### The Sunday Vegan Market

On the third Sunday of the month there are a growing number of Vegan stalls; currently at almost 30.



**Car Boot Sale 2nd & 4th Sunday of month 08.00-13.00**

### The Sunday Car Boot Sale

The ever-popular Woodley Car Boot Sale returns on Sunday 11th July 2021 and every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month.